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GLOBEFORM RANKING

CHRISTOPHE CLEMENT TURF (G1) 12 fur Inner Turf, Saturday August 15, 2026

Previously the Sword Dancer Stakes

Horses ranked in pounds (0.45kg). 1 length = 1.5 pounds over this distance

Rank	No.	Name of horse	Globeform	GF most recent runs	Trainer / Jockey
From right to left (most recent first)					
0 / 4+	7	SURVIE WON @ 4.5-1 GF 114 in Sep '25	114 / 110+	110+ 103+ 94	Boughey / M Franco
(3) 5+	4	PROGRAM TRADING GF 116 in May '24	(116) 114+	114+ 108+ 102	C Brown / Prat
5	3	OLE CRAZY BONE	114	113 - 110+ 114	Maker / I Ortiz Jr
7	1	ANCIENT EGYPT 3yo *	116	116 - 111 - 0	Johnston / Egan
9	5	FORT GEORGE	110	110 - 106 - 110	Walker / Shoemark
9	6	MINARET STATION	110p	107+ 110p - 108p	Walden / J L Ortiz
10	2	TAWNY PORT GF 109 also in Oct '25 GF 109 also in Sep '24	109	109 - 103 - 106	Clement / Carmouche

* Globeform weight-for-age European based 3yos vs older 12 fur inner courses early August: 8lbs

Most recent winners of the Sword Dancer

2025	EL CORDOBES	GF 115	Charlie Appleby	Flavien Prat
2024	FAR BRIDGE	GF 113	Christophe Clement	Joel Rosario
2023	BOLSHOI BALLET	GF 118	Aidan O'Brien	John Velazquez
2022	GUFO	GF 119	Christophe Clement	Joel Rosario
2021	GUFO	GF 121	Christophe Clement	Joel Rosario
2020	CHANNEL MAKER	GF 116	William Mott	Manuel Franco

Average winning Globeform: 117

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RACE RESULT: 1 GLACIUS 2 WEST END KID 3 TITLE ROLE 4 REMEMBER MAMBA

9-1 WINNER, 35-1 EXACTA, 117-1 TRIFECTA, 320-1 SUPERFECTA

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GLOBEFORM ANALYSIS

SURVIE will try to follow up on her Glens Falls Stakes win over this course and distance just 13 days ago, and she is definitely in with a chance as he meets the boys at favorable weight terms. The Glens Fall, run at a pedestrian pace, became a bit of a false race but the slow fraction would not have suited Survie, yet she blasted home coming down the middle of the lane and won comfortably by 1 3/4 lengths from Storm Miami, who was 2 lengths better than Alluring Angel. But for this English visitor being in the field they would have run one-two all the way in this 12-furlong contest. Survie, ridden by Flavien Prat, won easily under a hand ride. Value for more than the bare margin, she returned GF 110+, not far off her best form in 2025, and she looks the one to beat in the Christophe Clement Turf, formerly the Sword Dancer.

The daughter of Churchill ran her best race to date when fourth in the prestigious Prix Vermeille over 12 furlongs at Longchamp last September, beaten 3 1/4 lengths by the top class winner, Aventure, and 1 3/4 lengths by runner-up Gezora. That performance earned her **Globeform 114** and she was even being talked about as a possible 'Arc' contender. Trained by Nicolas Clement and Frauke Hermans at the time, Survie instead went for the Prix de Royallieux over 14 furlongs, a top level fillies' and mares' contest at the Arc meeting, but was virtually pulled up in last place. Then sent to the Tattersalls December Sales in England, she sold for 1.9 million guineas (around \$2.7 mill.) and was transferred to trainer George Boughey in Newmarket. Boughey is a young, up and coming trainer with excellent results (most notably by top Euro miler Bow Echo) and he has patiently brought this mare back to form - something that has required a bit of time. She beat little when taking a minor event on the Polytrack at Lingfield Park in January, was then a respectable third in the Neom Cup in Saudi Arabi (6 1/4 lengths behind Royal Champion); way below par when fourth in the Snowdrop Stakes at Kempton Park and third in the Dahlia Stakes at Newmarket in the spring; though better in sixth to Map of Stars on the 10-furlong Wolferton Stakes at Royal Ascot in June, when she stayed on late and performed to GF 103+ as she reached the winning post 3 1/2 lengths behind the winner, who had won a G2 in France last year. Wolferton runner-up Wimbledon Hawkeye (winner of the Nashville Derby at Kentucky Downs last year) was beaten only half a length when third to Hotazhell in a G1 in Germany on his next start.

Suirve's run at Ascot (where Ryan Moore took her very slowly down to the start) suggested that she might be on her way back, and we got the confirmation that she was when she won at Saratoga. Can she back up quickly and win again? That's the big question. One reason to believe that she can is that she did not have a hard race at all in the Glens Falls. She traveled sweetly through the main part of the race and simply sprinted for about one furlong at the finish. Another reason to take a positive view of the short rest is that her career best, just behind multiple G1 winners the Prix Vermeille, happened just two weeks after she had run second in another G1 event (the Prix Jean Romanet). She came into the paddock with a pony last time, was wearing a red hood; and misbehaved a bit when being saddled, but not too badly and that's just her demeanor - she is a bit highly strung.

PROGRAM TRADING was odds-on and he won like a short priced favorite should when taking the United Nations Stakes over 11 furlongs at Monmouth Park in July. It may be easy to play down the performance; given that he wasn't up against particularly strong competition; but Program Trading returned GF 114+ as he came from off the pace to outclass Uncle's Gold (who is 5-for-10) to win easily by almost three lengths. That's Program Trading's highest rating since he landed the much more important Turf Classic at Churchill Downs back in 2024. He seems to be rounding back into such form and he's in with a chance in the Clement Turf; if he can stretch out to 12 furlongs that is. Up to the United Nations, Program Trading had done his racing over 8 and 9 furlongs, with nine seeming to be his ideal trip - but he stayed on well at Monmouth and going up one furlong in an inner course event without a strong pace is probably going to work.

Prior to the United Nations he finally regained winning form when beating his barnmate Nebras by 2 lengths in 9-furlong Monmouth Stakes. It was a smooth win, but nonetheless a result that flattered him. Nebras, an import with stakes winning form in England, was given far too much to do as he made his US debut. Held up way off the slow pace, he closed much of the big gap coming down the lane. Program Trading had a perfect trip though and he was not for catching, running to GF 108+ for what was his first win since May 2024, when he produced his career best, **Globeform 116**, to capture the Turf Classic over 9 furlongs on good ground at Churchill Downs. >>>

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His best piece of form in 2025 was a runner-up effort behind Rhetorical in the Coolmore Mile at Keeneland, and after that he was a troubled tenth in the Breeders' Cup Mile (when Rhetorical ran fourth) and Program Trading's 2026 campaign got off to a somewhat frustrating start. He was favorite for the 9-furlong Pegasus World Cup Turf; and he ran respectably to finish fifth 1 1/2 lengths behind Test Score. He was then third to win machine Lagynos in the Muniz Memorial at the Fair Grounds and a distant fourth to Rhetorical in the Turf Classic at Churchill Downs. Trainer Chad Brown, still in search of the true Program Trading, stated that he felt the ridging was training better and acting well at Churchill - but it did not translate to a good run. Perhaps his positive mornings were just the beginning to what later became improved form.

OLE CRAZY BONE made a good return after a long break when splitting Dresden Row and Lambeth in a stakes quality allowance race over 8.5 furlongs at Churchill Downs in May, and he followed up by making all for a narrow win over **FORT GEORGE** in the Bowling Green Stakes over 11 furlongs at Saratoga in July. The charts show him as having won by just a nose and that's correct, but he was value for at least half a length that day, as rider Flavien Prat made a big mistake (it does not happen often); easing his mount close home. Fort George thus managed to get upsides and almost steal the race on the wire. The first two home were greatly favored by the slow pace, which became the undoing of **MINARET STATION**, who was badly compromised still managed to deliver a good run inside the final furlong. Beaten only half a length, he ran the best race, though it also needs noting that he will be 4lbs worse off at the weights here.

Ole Crazy Bone won the 12-furlong Kentucky Downs Turf Cup last September. He came with a game run from a position just behind the pace to capture the valuable event with ease, beating **TAWNY PORT** by 3 3/4 lengths. Tawny Port was coming off a second in the Bowling Green Gold Cup a week earlier, he ran a very close second the English G3 winner winner Silawi in the Canadian International at Woodbine next time out, and this year Tawny Port has won the Belmont Gold Cup at Saratoga. In outclassing such a horse, with the likes of Mercante, Grand Sonata and Fort Washington further back, Ole Crazy Bone left his previous form well behind when winning at Kentucky Downs, and any doubt that he could run to the same level over a conventional course were erased in the Bowling Green. Likely to go forward once more - though unlikely to get things all his own way this time, he is a live contender.

ANCIENT EGYPT, the only 3yo in the Christophe Clement Turf field, is coming off a career best effort, having improved to **Globeform 116** when beaten just a head by Maltese Cross in the Grand Prix de Paris over 2400 meters (12 furlongs) at Longchamp in July. By many traditionalists billed as 'the real French Derby' after the Prix du Jockey Club (which is the Derby) had its distance reduced from 2400 meters to 2100 meters in 2005, the Grand Prix de Paris is one of Europe's most important long distance races for 3yos; and it was well contested also this year.

Ancient Egypt opened his 3yo campaign with a win in the 10-furlong (straight course) Newmarket Stakes in May. That run set him up for a crack at the Epsom Derby, where terribly heavy ground (not soft as PPs state) did not suit him at all as he finished eighth. Next up was a trip to Royal Ascot, where he fared much better. Exiting a close second behind Aidan O'Brien's Causeway in the King Edward VII Stakes over 12 furlongs at the royal meeting, he was part of the pace in the Grand Prix de Paris and he took a clear lead two furlongs from the finish. The son of Frankel kept on really gamely when challenged late by Maltese Cross, who overcame a troubled trip to beat him by a head. Maltese Cross had previously captured the Lingfield Derby Trial and run second to Christmas Day in the Epsom Derby. Maltese Cross is now 4-1 favorite in future books for the St. Leger Stakes in England and he could be a contender for the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe (16-1 future books).

Ancient Egypt held second by a neck from Alam at Longchamp. Alam is a G3 winner who had been a good fifth 3 lengths behind the top class colt Constitution River in the Prix du Jockey Club six weeks earlier. The fourth and fifth placed horses in the Grand Prix de Paris, Space Waltz and Varandir, were also G3 winners earlier in the season. Ancient Egypt, who represents a stable with virtually no experience with US racing, should be respected in the Clement; though we are dealing with big, heavy topped horse drawn by the rail on an inner course here. This task may be a drop in class but it will be totally different to running at Newmarket, Ascot and Longchamp; a right handed course with wide sweeping turns and a 2.5-furlong stretch. A son of Frankel, this colt was bought for almost \$1.5 million as a yearling. His dam, Atone, ran just twice and won a 10-furlong maiden as a 3yo. A full sister to top class 10- to 12-furlong runner Middy, she had produced two useful mile winners before Ancient Egypt came along. >>>

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FORT GEORGE, shipping in from trainer Ed Walker's base in England, would have been a most fortunate winner if he had won the photo finish against Ole Crazy Bone in the Bowling Green Stakes over 12 furlongs at Saratoga in July. Stalking Ole Crazy Bone all the way, as the leader set a very slow pace, he lost by just a nose - as Ole Crazy Bone's rider made the mistake of easing up on his mount close to the wire. He was value for at least half a length. Fort George, who was very edgy in the preliminaries, ran up to his previous best, **Globeform 110**, in the Bowling Green - but he is 2lbs worse off with Ole Crazy Bone and he will most likely need better to have a chance in this race. His pre-race behavior last time is also worth noting. It may be how he normally is in the paddock before starts but if it's not, well, then it's a worry.

He ran four good races at Meydan in Dubai this winter / spring. Ed Walker, one of the younger, up and coming handlers in Europe, has had a good season so far, with a vastly positive ROI from his runners and G1 success both in at Royal Ascot and at the Curragh in Ireland. Most likely, he will have had the Saratoga trip penciled in for Fort George ever since the 4yo gelding returned from Dubai, where he won the 10-furlong Dubai Millennium Stakes (beating high-end handicap winner Arabian Light by a nose) and ran second in the 12-furlong City of Gold Stakes (1 1/2 lengths behind dual Breeders' Cup Turf winner Rebel's Romance). He ran respectably also when ninth behind the top class runner Ombudsman in the Dubai Turf on Dubai World Cup night. Breaking well to be up with the pace right from the off, he took command at the top of the lane in the Dubai Millennium, but was headed by Arabian Light (who attacked going wide and well away from Fort George); then fought back to put his nose first down on the line. This win was worth GF 106, and he improved to **Globeform 110** when taking second behind Rebel's Romance in the City of Gold. Fort George was a bit erratic at the start on that occasion and not as forwardly placed, but did give Rebel's Romance a fight (despite hanging a bit) - until the heavy favorite drew off in the closing stages.

MINARET STATION was the victim of pace in the Bowling Green, where Ole Crazy Bone got away with pedestrian fractions on the lead. It was Minaret Station's first try over further than 8.5 furlongs and he has always shaped like a horse wanting to go long. Stepping up to 11 furlongs, he was a really interesting contender - but the stamina test would have to wait for another day. He did well to close in for third, beaten just half a length behind Ole Crazy Bone and Fort George. As the only horse in this field likely to improve, he must be considered - despite the fact that is now 4lbs worse off with Ole Crazy Bone and 2lbs worse off with Fort George. Those weight swings are less important, however, because he ran to GF 107+ in the Bowling Green, while his career best is **Globeform 110p**, produced when he finished strongly from off the pace to get second in the Arlington Stakes over 8.5 furlongs at Churchill Downs in late May. Lagynos (gaining his fourth of five straight wins) beat him by only 3/4 length there; and Minaret Station could well be a horse capable of GF 112-114; given the right circumstances. He will probably get a better pace in the Clement (though perhaps not strong) and he will get another furlong to work with. If he *is* a 12-furlong horse he has a winning chance. Do we *know* that he is a 12-furlong horse? Unfortunately not, as the Bowling Green was run in a way that did not make us any the wiser. Judged on his style, however, he is likely to relish this trip.

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CONCLUSION: Survie won for fun in the Glens Falls, coming home with plenty up her sleeve. Her best form in France last last year was even better, she gets a nice 5lbs weight pull against the boys, she stays this distance well, and she is proven around this course. What's not to like? And what sort of odds will she be? This preview goes out before the morning line is known but it seems unlikely that she'll be the favorite. She's a clear selection though. Program Trading is the main threat; he appears to be back to form near his career best, though the distance may stretch his stamina. Ole Crazy Bone has no problems with the distance and he is well drawn for another ground saving trip on the lead - if others let him stroll along once me he's dangerous. Minaret Station is the potential improver (perhaps we should say 'probable') in the mix, and could go close - especially if the pace is good to strong. The big 3yo colt Ancient Egypt, drawn by the rail and not exactly the type to enjoy racing around an inner course, must go forward to bring his stamina into play. He has shown good gate speed in Europe and if he copes with the course he's a Trifecta contender, as is the Bowling Green runner-up Fort George.

GLOBEFORM SELECTIONS

A	7 SURVIE WON @ 4.5-1	
B	3 OLE CRAZY BONE, 4 PROGRAM TRADING 3rd	Exacta 19-1 Trifecta 58-1
C	1 ANCIENT EGYPT 4th, 6 MINARET STATION 2nd	Superfecta 122-1

Survie / Glens Falls Stakes: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V1E1OkbTcF4&t=2s>

Survie 6th / Wolferton S. (black silks with white stripes): https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jH7gju_M9PE

Survie 4th Prix Vermeille: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qCfSpy8PAq0>

Survie 2nd / Prix Jean Romanet: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zGTqFvC1ihk>

Program Trading / United Nations S: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kbmuvFgzlko>

Program Trading / Monmouth Stakes: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QoyHq6DU4no&t=2s>

Program Trading / Turf Classic '24: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x1ApZ9_wDDg&t=141s

Ole Crazy Bone / Bowling Green Stakes: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CKxj1YZxGKM>
2nd Fort George

Ole Crazy Bone / Kentucky Turf Cup '25: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=415H98pLDQM>

Ancient Egypt 2nd / Grand Prix de Paris: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gH-Ls3ZNNDg>

Ancient Egypt 2nd / King Edward VII Stakes: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zISO9UkLaQk>

Ancient Egypt / Beverley Maiden '25: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fbTiL51gPF4>

Fort George / Dubai Millennium Stakes: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ry1JZXBA41c>

